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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: The Korean Situation

I. Military SituationSummary

As ROK units north of Kosong in North Korea began to meet stubborn resistance in their drive toward Wonsan, the ROK 6th Division jumped off from the South Korean border city of Chunchon in an attack on the North Korean city of Hwachon. North of Seoul, elements of the US 1st Corps continued to assemble. In preparation for an attack on the South Korean border city of Kaesong, elements of the US 1st Cavalry Division secured a bridgehead across the lightly defended Imjin River (in South Korea). Other UN units continued moving northward and westward throughout South Korea to assume new positions. Naval forces maintained patrols around the Korean coast. UN air units provided close support fire for ROK troops on the east coast, as heavy bombers attacked the North Korean ammunition storage area at Kan-ni with excellent results.

Ground

The ROK 3rd Division, after penetrating 60 miles into North Korea along the east coast, was halted by a determined enemy rearguard action. A prisoner of war reports that three North Korean divisions formerly on the Pusan perimeter are reorganizing in the Wonsan area. The ROK Capital Division is now advancing westward toward Yanggu, six miles north of the Parallel. The ROK 6th Division has launched an attack toward the city of Hwachon, about ten miles north of the Parallel. North of Seoul, units of the US 1st Corps, the ROK II Corps and the UN 27th Brigade continued to assemble in preparation for an attack to the north. Elements of the US 5th Cavalry Regiment secured a lightly-defended bridgehead across the Imjin River below the 38th Parallel. As these units continued to assemble in the Uijongbu area, the US IX Corps with the ROK 11th Division attached, continued to eliminate enemy pockets in the southwest and to secure the supply route from Pusan.

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Navy

UN naval units maintained patrols of Korean waters, with emphasis on anti-mine and anti-submarine operations. A surface task force is standing by to provide fire support for ROK forces on the east coast.

Air

UN air units provided close support to the ROK 3rd and Capital Division on the east coast. B-29s attacked the North Korean arsenal and ammunition storage area of Kan-ni near Pyongyang with excellent results. Fighter-bombers attacked North Korean communication areas and targets of opportunity.

II. General Situation

No significant developments have been reported during the past 24 hours.

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